

CLAIMS

1. A playback apparatus that plays contents recorded on a read-only medium, according to sequence information, the  
5 playback apparatus comprising:

a detecting unit operable to detect one or more pieces of the sequence information from a recordable medium;

10 a display unit operable to generate a dynamic menu so as to display the detected pieces of the sequence information in association with the contents recorded on the read-only medium;

15 an accepting unit operable to accept an operation by a user to specify one of the displayed pieces of the sequence information; and

15 a playback unit operable to play a plurality of the contents recorded on the read-only medium, according to the specified piece of the sequence information.

2. A playback apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein  
20 the recordable medium stores a plurality of pieces of the sequence information in correspondence with package IDs, and

the displayed pieces of the sequence information correspond to a package ID assigned to the read-only medium.

25 3. A playback apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the recordable medium is connected to the playback

apparatus either locally or via a network, and  
the display unit displays the pieces of the sequence  
information in a different manner depending on whether the  
connection is local or via the network.

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4. A playback apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein  
the display unit displays the pieces of the sequence  
information in a distinctive manner, if the recordable medium  
is offline.

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5. A playback apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein  
the recordable medium is removable, and  
the display unit displays the pieces of the sequence  
information in a distinctive manner, if the recordable medium  
15 is removed.

6. A playback apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein  
the read-only medium is one of a plurality of read-only  
media, and

20 the sequence information indicates a playback sequence  
of the contents that are separately recorded on the plurality  
of read-only media.

25 7. A playback apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein  
the dynamic menu is generated when the read-only medium  
is loaded in the playback apparatus, or when the user requests  
a menu-call.

8. A playback apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein  
the read-only medium stores a program indicating one of  
procedures performed upon loading of the read-only medium, and  
5 procedures performed upon request for the menu-call,  
the playback apparatus further includes a download unit  
operable to download a latest version of the program from a  
server on a network, and  
the dynamic menu is generated based on one of the program  
10 recorded on the read-only medium, and the latest version of  
the program that has been downloaded.

9. A playback apparatus according to Claim 1, further  
comprising:  
15 a download unit operable to download a piece of the sequence  
information, along with profile information, from a server on  
a network, wherein  
the display unit displays, in the dynamic menu, the piece  
of the sequence information and profile information that have  
20 been downloaded.

10. A program for having a computer execute procedures for  
playing contents recorded on a read-only medium, according to  
sequence information, the procedures comprising steps of:  
25 detecting one or more pieces of the sequence information  
from a recordable medium;  
generating a dynamic menu so as to display the detected

pieces of the sequence information in association with the contents recorded on the read-only medium;

accepting an operation by a user to specify one of the displayed pieces of the sequence information; and

- 5 playing a plurality of the contents recorded on the read-only medium, according to the specified piece of the sequence information.